

Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
Disabilities Advisory Committee (DAC)

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 26, 2011
11:00 a.m.

Members Attended

Lesli McClung-Coombs
Peggy Peter
Dianne Robbins

Others Attending

Nicole Patterson
Kathleen Ozeroff

Members Absent:

Victoria King-Watson

Peggy Peter called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

Due to lack of attendance of DAC members, at the September meeting, minutes from August and September were read and approved.

II. SDAC Report

There was no SDAC report this meeting as there was no SDAC meeting in October. The next SDAC meeting will be in December.

III. Old Business

Disability Etiquette Training All Staff update

Kathleen Ozeroff, Acting Chief of OHRAS, attended and reported that the administration has decided not to make disability etiquette training mandatory for all staff. Kathleer Ozeroff suggested the disability etiquette training could instead be conducted by brown bag, or by advising divisions that they can have presentations made during staff meetings. Another alternative discussed was a webinar. Nicole Patterson offered to contact the DAC at Department of Mental Health to discuss the possibility of coordinating future training for staff with DMH.

Although not related to this agenda item, Kathleen Ozeroff reported that Nicole Patterson attended recent training at the State Personnel Board. Nicole reported that she attended Model Employer Initiative training at SPB regarding employment of persons with disabilities, utilizing both the LEAP program and standard civil service processes.

IV. New Business

DAC Members, changes and recruitment

Kathleen Ozeroff reported that a DAC recruitment letter was sent to DDS All Staff. Nicole Patterson reported that she has received three letters of interest, and also three inquiries expressing interest. All letters of interest will be forwarded to the Director prior to the next DAC meeting. Committee members also clarified terms for existing members. Victoria King-Watson – it is believed her term expires in November or December 2011. Peggy Peter and Dianne Robbins – both members' terms expire in August 2012. Lesli McClung-Coombs term expires in April 2012. Nicole Patterson offered to arrange for a video conference for the next DAC meeting that will include new members from the DC's.

V. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a. m.